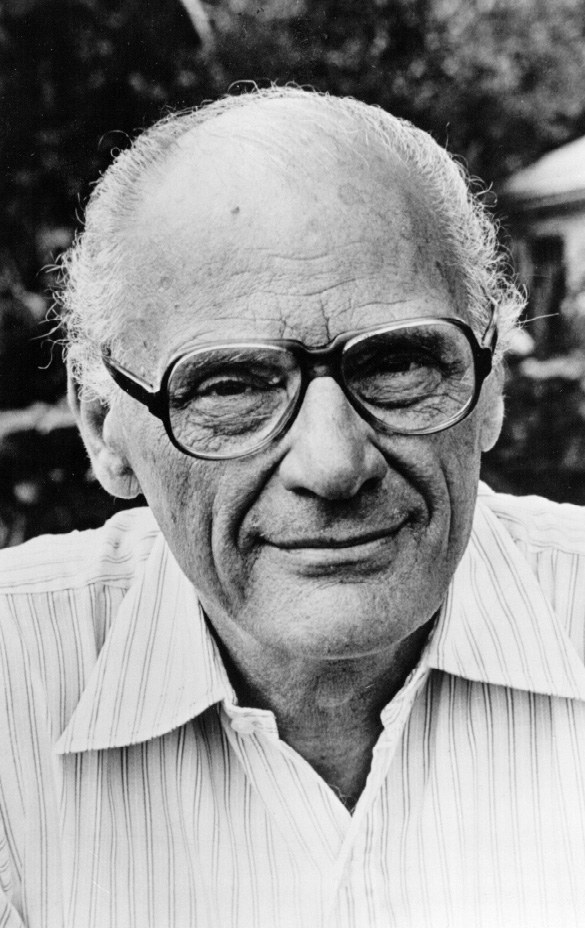
**Arthur Miller**



Arthur Miller was one of the best American playwrights of the 20th century. He was born in October 1915 in New York City. He was the son of a women's clothing maker who lost all of his money during the Great Depression. Because of this, Miller grew up around poor families and showed him how fragile people are. At the University of Michigan, he began to write plays.

Miller's first play to make it to Broadway, *The Man Who Had All the Luck* (1944), did not do well and closed early. Because of this, Miller almost stopped writing. But he kept trying and 3 years later, he was a success.

His most well known play is *Death of a Salesman*(1949). Miller won a Tony Award for *Death of a Salesman* as well as a Pulitzer Prize.

Miller followed *Death of a Salesman* with his most politically significant work, *The Crucible* (1953), a story of the Salem witch trials. In 1956, Miller was questioned about Communist writers. Miller would not tell the court any names.

Also in 1956, Miller married actress Marilyn Monroe. The two divorced in 1961, the year of her death. That year Monroe appeared in her last film, The Misfits, which is based on an original screenplay by Miller. After divorcing Monroe, Miller wed Ingeborg Morath, to whom he remained married until his death in 2005. The pair had a son and a daughter.